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3-Way Tie for 1st Looms in Blue Streak

Blue Streak softball play in the second round comes to an end tomorrow night when the first place Columbia Employees meet the second place Torrance Gardens team at 7 p.m. at Torrance Park.

If the Columbia team wins tomorrow night it will take the championship but a loss by Columbia and a win by Midland Rubber, also tied for second, will throw the league into a three-way tie for first between Columbia, Midland and Torrance Gardens, and necessitate a two-game playoff to determine the winner.

Midland meets the last place Walteria Methodist Church team tomorrow night. The Methodists have yet to win a game.

The American Legion team won the second round of play in the Service Club Slo-Pitch league with a six won and one loss record.

Second place was nabbed by the Lions, with five wins and two losses.

This Week

THURSDAY, AUG. 13
Marine Clerks vs. Midland Rubber; National Supply vs. National Electric, Class "A", Torrance Park.
Torrance Gardens vs. Columbia Employees; Midland Rubber vs. Walteria Methodist Church, Blue Streak, Walteria.
Miss Fitz vs. Rookies, Girls Softball, McMaster Park.
Torrance "B" vs. Inglewood, Little Coast League, Torrance Park.

FRIDAY, AUG. 14
Optimists vs. Y Juniors, Perry Braves vs. Junior C, of C, Junior League, Walteria.

MONDAY, AUG. 17
Optimists vs. WMYF; Y Juniors vs. Aztecs, Junior League, McMaster Park.

Merchants Upset By Clerks, Drop Behind Midland

The Marine Clerks pulled the upset of the year Monday night when they knocked off the Carson Merchants 3-2 in an extra inning game to topple the Merchants from the league lead and slip them into second place, a half game behind Midland Rubber, who beat Dow Chemical 8-0 Monday.

It was the last league game for the Merchants. Midland Rubber closes out its season tonight against the Marine Clerks. If Midland loses, the league is thrown back into a first-place tie between them, Carson, and National Electric if the Electric team beats National Supply tonight. If they win, they take the Herald perpetual trophy. The game opens at 7 p.m. at Torrance Park.

The Carson team can almost directly attribute its dilemma to its alter ego—the San Pedro All-Stars world championship softball team—which is composed almost entirely of Carson Merchants, and vice versa.

The San Pedro team shot its ace, Virgil Jones, against the Torrance All-Stars in an inter-city game Sunday night, and as a result, Jones could not pitch for the Merchants on Monday.

So, the Marine Clerks, with Hank Olsen pitching a great four-hitter, faced Tony Monzo and picked up eight hits as they played giant-killer and beat the Merchants for the first time this year after four losses.

The Carson Merchants' lineup read almost exactly like its world champion other self—the San Pedro All-Stars. Six of the Merchants that played Monday also play for San Pedro—Bob Costa, Ray Deater, Snuffy Machado, Lucky Humiston, Jack Samson, Bob Legaspi, and Jones makes seven, but Jones didn't play, much to the Merchants sorrow.

Even 20 world champions could not have stopped the de-

Sports

Batting Practice, Lose Game 14-4 Torrance All-Stars Look Good in

The Torrance All-Stars played a good game against the world champion San Pedro All-Stars in the inter-city exhibition game Sunday night—until the first inning.

The San Pedro team completely outclassed the locals, hitting and scoring at will to chalk up a 14-4 victory.

The vaunted Torrance triple-threat pitching strength failed to materialize; Rusty Brooks was injured in a swimming pool accident at Pittsburg, Calif., where his Dow Chemical team had gone to play an inter-city game, and couldn't throw. Tony Monzo didn't even show up, and Hal Nelms, of National Electric, had to toil the complete nine-inning game.

Nelms tired and was touched for 12 hits in the fracas. Lackadaisical support from the rest of his team did not help, either. The Torrance fielders turned in a grand total of 11 errors, 10 hits, three errors, and two hand the San Pedro boys most passed balls.

The Torrance team started its scoring binge in the first inning. Costa, the first man up, doubled, went to third on a fielder's choice; George Pearson playing right field, drew a base on balls and Bob Legaspi proceeded to clean the sacks with a shotgun triple to center.

The champs picked up another in the second when Snuffy Machado crashed a triple between center and right, and scored on Nick Bodon's single. In the sixth the locals fell apart, giving up six runs on four hits, including a three-run homer by Lucky Humiston, two walks, one error, and four passed balls, according to scorekeeper Sherwood Tierman.

In the eighth, Torrance contributed three more errors and three more passed balls to give San Pedro three more runs.

Frank Schmidt, catcher, got the only solid hit off Jones, a single over short in the third frame. The only other man to get on base off the San Pedro pitcher was Bobby Greer, who topped a slow roller down the third base line in the first inning, which Costa bobbled.

BOX SCORE

TORRANCE		SAN PEDRO	
Frank Schmidt	0	1	1
Pat Malone	0	1	1
Bob Greer	0	1	1
Lou Briganti	0	1	1
K. Harris	0	1	1
E. Kuhn	0	1	1
K. Silver	0	1	1
Joe Murphy	0	1	1
Jim Nady	0	1	1
J. Jackson	0	1	1
H. Dittell	0	1	1
H. Nelms	0	1	1
San Pedro	14	4	11
Torrance	000 004	4	3 11

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